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Project Title Forest Products Program for Private Land Owners in Puerto Rico

Summary

The project will provide a wood and none wood products market inventory with additional economic and supply information to develop and establish a potential link with private landowners.

Category

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- ☐ Regional or sub-regional in scale and involves multiple states
☒ Single state- or sub-state scale projects

Submitting State: (participating States use attachment)

Puerto Rico

- ☐ Will more than one state be receiving funds to implement this project?

If yes, please list all states to receive funds:

- ☒ Is this project multi-year?

If yes, please indicate the anticipated duration of this project:

- ☒ Two years
☐ Three years

Project Coordinator information: (participating States use attachment)

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I/we, the undersigned State Forester(s), agree to and acknowledge our State's participation in the delivery of this project upon receipt of State and Private Forestry Redesign Funds as part of the FY09 Competitive Process.

State Forester - Submitting State

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Project linkage:



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Project Description (20 points):

Goal

Produce a forest products market inventory of wood and none wood products in PR

Objectives

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An informal and not documented market of forest products is available through artisans in PR. The analysis of this market in PR will provide new alternatives to private landowners. Informal surveys has demonstrate the use of small diameter wood products for the construction of musical instruments and small crafts products with potential markets in and outside the island. Communication with other Government agencies (Cultural Affairs Office and Economic Development Office) has been establish to integrate a potential small wood and none wood product program that can be connected with private land owners through sustainable forestry practices. A well documented inventory of this informal markets is needed to establish specific products and market needs to develop a long term forest products program in PR.

What specific methods or actions will be used to accomplish objectives?

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Island wide surveys to assess production methods, wood processing methods, actual supply methods and market strategies of wood and none wood products is the considered strategy. A consultant proposal will be considered for this product as the main option to obtain the information. The integration of other Government agencies to supply their information and contacts will facilitate the identification of important markets and products to be considered in the analysis. A permanent forest products group will be integrated through the Stewardship Council to formalize the program and help in the analysis of the information to consider permanent program activities.

How will this project support or move forward existing State & Private Forestry programs?

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It will identify and document alternatives to private land owners to receive additional incomes from managed forest areas. Enhance a local market of forest products and provide exporting alternative for musical instruments. Conservation and efficient application of forestry practices in private lands will prevent and mitigate impacts. Identify areas where management restore impacted forests reducing potential forest health problems. Will enhance managing working forest landscape for multiple values and uses.



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Project Benefits (25 points):

How will the forest resource be sustained by this project?

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The inventory and analysis of forest products in PR will provide clear information of the actual and potential use of forest markets in the island. Private land owners with Forest Stewardship plans will be provided with new options and alternatives to maintain and develop new options to their working forest conditions. The exposure of efficient use of timber and none timber forest products will provided a recognition of the resources providing an economical alternative to land owners. Integration of other Government agencies will help to recognize additional values and benefits of forest management practices.

What societal or public values are enhanced by this project?

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Economic alternatives for artisans will provide direct impact to this group because the supply of basic forest products will be available in an organize system and more accessible through the island. Recognition of local products and efficient use of resources will provide additional value to conservation areas and initiatives. Potential increase in the quality and supply of forest products like musical instruments and crafts can provide economic benefits to marginal communities. Private land owners can receive direct benefits of a permanent forest products programs that integrate the products and users of forest products with the assistance of Government agencies.

Who are the direct beneficiaries/ stakeholders of the project and how do they benefit?

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Private land owners with or without Forest Stewardship plans will receive the benefits of have direct participation. This opportunity will enhance the development of management plan in critical forest areas in the island. Artisans and small business initiatives of forest products will be impacted from a permanent forest product initiatives. The residents of Puerto Rico will receive the benefits of a wood product markets with exportation alternatives. Communities with marginal resources can consider cooperative programs to manage forest products with this initiative.



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Outcomes, Measures, and Deliverables (25 points):

What are the desired outcomes?

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The main outcome is the forest products market inventory of wood and none wood product in PR to have a well documented data base of the existing market and its working process. The inventory will provide the base for analysis of the markets and develop a permanent forest products strategy in PR considering the land owner and potential Government assistance through the connection of users and providers. A permanent working group of forest markets products will be integrated at the Forest Stewardship Council and in two years a PR forest product strategy will be develop for formal endorsement of the government.

What will be the measures of success?

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The production of the forest product market inventory is expected to be completed in the first year of the project. The critical forest areas in PR will be considered to identify towns trough this region a 100% of this towns should be surveyed and considered in the inventory. The percentage of artisans contacted according to the Cultural Affairs office and the Economic Development Office will be measured to assure that all the artisans were contacted and at least a 75% participation is considered. Percentage of Stewardship participants willing to integrate in the program will be measured to consider management plans revisions. The organization of potential community group cooperative initiatives will be measured. The second year will be measured in terms of the creation of a permanent programs that use and the inventory information.

What are the deliverables and how will they be used?

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- 1) A forest product market inventory. To identify main products and market strategies plus potential development of additional markets.
- 2) A forest product program and working group in the Stewardship Council. To maintain the initiative and provide assistance in the development of a permanent program.
- 3) Integration of Government Offices : To provide information of artisans and markets and maintain a direct contact providing forest land owners with economic alternatives not available.
- 4) Capacitation of Forest Bureau personnel. The forest technicians will benefit of the data collection and potential integration of new forest practices in revise Stewardship plans.



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Timeframe and Partners (15 points):

What is the timeline or schedule for the project?

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First year : 1) evaluate private consultants for the inventory
2) the forest products inventory will be conducted and initial contact to develop a working group will be done.
Second year: use and expand the inventory results. Develop a permanent forest product initiative.

What are the implementation steps?

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In the first year the forest products inventory will be conducted and initial contact to develop a working group will be done. In the second year the information provided by the inventory will be enhance with data to connect the participation of forest land owners in the economic initiative. Community groups will be contacted to integrate community meetings to present the inventory results and consider potential economic projects. The Economic Development Office will be integrated in the community meetings. The Forest Stewardship council will be informed from the beginning of the project so that the results and participation in the second year is used to develop and revise an strategic plan of forest products initiatives in PR.

Identify partnering organizations.

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- 1) The Cultural Affairs Office
- 2) The Economic Development Office
- 3) The Stewardship Council
- 4) Community groups with management agreements with the Department of Naturales Resources. (Casa Pueblo de Adjuntas, Cooperativa Piñones se Integra, Caborrojeños Pro Salud y Ambiente)
- 5) Artisans organizations (Fundación del Tiple)



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Budget 1: Requested Federal Dollars

In each of the columns below, designate the individual state requests for federal funds according to the associated costs identified in A. Personnel/ Labor through I. Indirect Costs. The TOTAL in Row J should reflect each individual state's funding request.

Requesting State (2 letter abbreviation)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A. Personnel / Labor	1 PR	2	3	4	5	6	7
B. Fringe Benefits	1 \$0	2	3	4	5	6	7
C. Travel	1 \$15,000	2	3	4	5	6	7
D. Equipment	1 \$0	2	3	4	5	6	7
E. Supplies	1 \$0	2	3	4	5	6	7
F. Contractual	1 \$75,000	2	3	4	5	6	7
G. Construction	1 \$0	2	3	4	5	6	7
H. Other	1 \$0	2	3	4	5	6	7
I. Indirect Costs	1 \$0	2	3	4	5	6	7
J. TOTAL * (sum of A through I)	1 \$90,000	2	3	4	5	6	7

* No individual state shall receive more than 15% of total available Redesign funds in any given fiscal year.

* If additional space is needed, please use the above format and attach a separate Word or Excel document entitled: **FEDERAL REQUEST** to your email when submitting this form. Make sure to include **all federal requests** in the total below.

☐ Please check this box if you are attaching a separate Word/Excel document that outlines additional states' requests for federal funding not included on this form.

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS REQUESTED
(sum of individual state requests as above in J. 1 through 7.)

\$90,000.00



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Budget 2: State and other Partner Contributions

In each of the columns below, designate the individual state and partner contributions to the projects according to the associated costs in A. Personnel/Labor through I. Indirect Costs. The TOTAL in Row J should reflect the sum of all cash and in-kind contributions that each individual state will make towards the project. Cash contributions or matching funds should be listed as a dollar amount with no brackets, i.e. \$100,000. In-Kind Service amounts should be listed as a dollar amount with brackets, i.e. [\$100,000].

Contributing State or Partner	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	DNER	Cult Affair	Eco Dev				
A. Personnel / Labor	\$60,000	\$5,000	\$5,000				
B. Fringe Benefits							
C. Travel	\$10,000						
D. Equipment							
E. Supplies	\$10,000						
F. Contractual							
G. Construction							
H. Other							
I. Indirect Costs							
J. TOTAL * (sum of A through I)	\$80,000	\$5,000	\$5,000				

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TOTAL STATE AND PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

(sum of individual state/partner contributions as above in J.
1 through 7.

\$90,000.00



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ATTACHMENT: State / Project Coordinator Information**



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Project Coordinator information:

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